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Have you put your hope in Jesus and asked him to take charge of your life?

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it."

It is your responsibility as parents to acknowledge God as the true Father in your home and yourselves as faithful stewards over your children.

It is your responsibility to create in your home an environment where your children can thrive physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. You are to provide this child with the security that your love for God, for each other, and for them will survive any storm.

When you show unconditional love and loyalty to each other, your children will see God's love through you and believe you when you say it's for them too.

Finally, it is your responsibility to nurture, encourage, and discipline your children according to the unique demands of their temperaments, your own conscience, and the clear will of God so that they may someday come to the knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 10:24 says, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds," so as people in community with these parents, it is your responsibility to actively consider ways to support and encourage them.

It is your responsibility to be concerned for the security and safety of their children when they are unable to do so themselves.

Finally, it is your responsibility to never gossip or talk ill of their parenting, but to communicate to them directly, clearly, and humbly any concerns you may have over their children, understanding that stewardship of those children has been given primarily to them.



Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment...

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:35-40 NIV

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 NIV

Main things are powerless without COMMITMENT.



Hebrews 12:1-11 (p. 844)

We are not the FIRST; we are not ALONE.

We need to TOSS ASIDE and PRESS ON.

We have STRUGGLES, but Jesus had it WORSE.

Hardship is GOOD DISCIPLINE.



For real commitment, LOOK to JESUS.

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Luke 22:42 NIV



The Associate Covenant

With a clear conviction that God's will for me involves fellowship with the people of Lafayette Community Church, I commit to use this year to explore God's simple commands to put him first, join his family, grow like Jesus, and serve others.

GODIS MY AIR:

In every aspect of my life, **God** comes first. **His Word** is my only authority. **His Son** is my only Salvation. His glory is my greatest desire. I give him the first of my every opportunity.

Specifically, I have given my life over to Jesus as my Savior and Lord, I have followed him in the waters of baptism. I will submit my life to the mandates of the Bible, stand up for God's honor, and invest the first portion of my time, talent and treasures in the work of his Kingdom.

GOD'S FAMILY FUELS MY FIRE

The Spirit dwells in me but his power is **revealed** in **community**. I intentionally prioritize **Christian relationships** because I have something to give and something to receive.

Specifically, I affirm the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life and heed the guidance he gives through the counsel of others in this church. I will view this community as my spiritual family and offer my time, talent, and treasure here before serving or giving elsewhere. I will prioritize the weekly gatherings for worship and join a Community Group. I will pray for and support my leaders, love my fellow believers, and vigorously defend the unity of this church.

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IAM GOD'S EARTH:

God is creating me. I started as dust, but I'm becoming like Jesus. I rejoice in trials and hardships because Christ suffered for me, and I am a living sacrifice transformed by the truths of God.

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Specifically, I will pursue opportunities for spiritual growth. I will root out sin in my life through regular selfexamination and confession of sin both to God and to accountability partners, and in all areas of uncertainty, I will submit first to the clear teaching of the Bible, then to the leaders God has placed over me, and finally, after praver, to my own conscience.

THE WORLD NEEDS MY WATER:

I have the Living Water in me. Infinite refreshment is mine in Christ, and I unlock it in me when I give it to others. I eagerly risk embarrassment to offer others the Living Water of Jesus.

Specifically, I employ everything I am and everything I have for the benefit of others beginning in this church and extending to the world around me. To help others find full life in Christ, I will work to serve them, befriend them, share my faith with them, invite them to join me in this church, and help them know the gospel so they too can experience the life I have been given. I will rely on God to refresh me as I strive to refresh others.

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Your Commitments:

Give your life to Christ – go to the prayer team.

Renew your commitment – receive communion.

Participate in his work here – give financially.

Join this family — sign your card.





Member



In full agreement with the mission and governing documents of Lafayette Community Church, I will live by this covenant in unity with this church for this year.

Associate

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